Why is the NOVACares Reporting System and Database Important?

1. Admin Council has endorsed the use of the NOVACares Reporting System and database as the College’s official record of concerning behavior and intervention.
2. NOVACares database use prevents silos of information that may occur within departments and/or campuses. The College community is fluid and an individual may visit or interact with multiple campuses. The database tracks incidents/reports about the individual, not the campus.
3. NOVACares database use allows identification of multiple concerns across the College.
4. Most concerning behaviors do not require police involvement and people can be unsure of where and when to report concerns. NOVACares ensures that your report will be dealt with by the most appropriate responder.
5. NOVACares allows the College to address concerning behavior proactively in the absence of a college counseling center.
6. We normally report to our peers/friends/parents/workmates. This online form is the next logical step to report concerns that concern or “bother” you.
7. The NOVACares database report may identify witnesses that can provide a fuller perspective of the situation and, thus, a more thorough investigation of the incident.
8. Perpetrators of serious campus violence don’t just “snap.” They have a history of acts and communications that may seem small individually, but collectively, can map out a pattern of escalating behavior.
9. Incidents may or may not be impulsive or random; reporting may allow identification of the risk potential of an individual.
10. It is a means of identifying and documenting acts of predatory, targeted violence.
11. It is a tool for prevention. Most (75%) of those who commit acts of violence “plan, prepare, and discuss with others before the attack!”
12. The system creates a centralized process to oversee College behavioral concerns.
13. The response to a NOVACares database report may help an individual understand early on that his/her behavior is not OK before it continues or escalates. It allows staff to intervene and make a difference.
14. It is a great tool for problem-solving and maintaining campus safety!